



WALK FOR JUSTICE

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The Honourable Dr. Navaneetham Pillai
UN Human Rights Council
Palais des Nations
1211 Geneva
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Dear Madam,

RE: 'Walk for Justice' team requests immediate action in island of Sri Lanka

For more than 60 years the Eelam Tamil nation has been subjected to numerous war crimes and crimes against humanity as part of a systematic campaign of genocide conducted by the Sri Lanka State.

In recent years, the international community appears to have awoken to the reality in the island of Sri Lanka, with a UN Panel of Experts reporting in March 2011 that the serious and credible allegations of violations of international law ought to be investigated by an independent international mechanism.

In the months prior to the 19th Session of the UN Human Rights Council, Eelam Tamils had engaged with several states and non state actors in the hope of persuading them to initiate an independent international mechanism that will serve justice to all the victims of Sri Lanka's brutalities.

We, Eelam Tamils, were heartened by the resolution adopted by the European Parliament on 16 February 2012 calling for a UN investigation. We are equally saddened by the lack of will, even amongst super powers, to preserve the integrity of international law.

We share with international human rights organisation the view that the Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission (LLRC) appointed by the very people accused of having perpetrated the crimes is a contemptuous effort at hoodwinking the international community. Any acknowledgement of its findings and or allowance of further time for it is an extension of the "twenty years of make-believe" that Sri Lanka's Commissions of Inquiry have performed.



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Despite the deceptions, duplicity and double standards that the Eelam Tamil nation has witnessed, even today we are gathered showing last bit of faith in the international order. Here, once again, we put forth five reasonable requests for immediate action:

1. Ensure that Sri Lanka State frees all people detained on the basis of their national identity.
2. Remove the Sinhala military from the Tamil people's homeland, encompassing the north and east of the island of Sri Lanka, and facilitate a return to normalcy for the local population.
3. Initiate an independent international investigation into the systematic genocide of Tamils by successive Sinhala governments in the island of Sri Lanka.
4. Accept the existence of a historic homeland of the Tamil people, respect their nationhood and facilitate them to exercise their right to reversion to sovereignty
5. Conduct a UN sponsored referendum to determine the political aspirations of Tamils in their homeland as well as amongst the Diaspora).

Yours sincerely,

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